

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 24, 2014

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent:

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 10, 2014 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending April 16, 2014 in the amount of \$ **252,194.24** and April 23, 2014 in the amount of \$ **259,165.95** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of April 10 – April 23, 2014
- Report from the Building Inspector's office April 22, 2014
- Report of the Work Session of the Common Council held on April 16, 2014
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of March 2014 in the total amount of \$19,883.55
- Report from the Parking Violations Bureau for March 2014
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the months of March 2014
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 21, 2014

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending April 18, 2014 in the amount of \$ 757,226.22 and April 25, 2014 in the amount of \$ 2,881,154.31 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Contract # 2012-07 "Hauling of Sludge for WPCP" be extended for a one year period with Drummac Septic. The total estimated budget costs are \$130,000.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Municipal Lighting Department be permitted to proceed with the write-off of unpaid final bills for the period December 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 in the amount of \$2,034.26. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .12%.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

C. RESOLUTION DELCARING APRIL 25, 2014 ANZAC DAY FOR PTS AWARENESS

Whereas, an Australian soldier, Captain John McKay, suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress, recently traveled to the North country and passed away atop nearby Scarface Mountain, and

Whereas, Anzac Day is celebrated each April 25th in Australia and New Zealand, to remember all their soldiers and veterans, especially those who fought in the Australian New Zealand Arm Corps (ANZAC) during WWI in what is now Turkey, and

Whereas, Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) is an affliction suffered by many combat veterans returning "home," whether they be American veterans or those of our allies, such as Australia and New Zealand, of which Captain McKay was one, and

Whereas, April 25th offers us in the North Country an opportunity to specifically emphasize the importance of PTS awareness and our common need and duty to assist our returning veterans in their transition to life away from combat, then therefore be it

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Plattsburgh does hereby declare April 25, 2014, as "Anzac Day for PTS Awareness," and encourages its community to join others in the North Country and throughout the world to increase its awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress suffered by our combat veterans and to assist in their need for understanding and treatment.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

D. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK TO SYLVIA PARROTTE EFFECTIVE MAY 5, 2014.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

E. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TO RANDAL STONE EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2014 PENDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 12 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

F. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION COUNSEL TO DEAN SCHNELLER EFFECTIVE APRIL25, 2014 EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2017.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

G. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA KASPER AS MARRIAGE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign a subordination agreement for a property located at 25 Bridge Street owned by North Country Food Co-op, Inc.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor is authorized to sign Engineering agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for Design Services for Oklahoma Avenue Slope Stabilization Project; FEMA 1993 DR NY, PW# 1852.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy Manager MLD to attend the "NYMPA 17th Annual Meeting" in East Syracuse, NY from May 20-21, 2014 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$324.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Assessor Kathy Livingston to attend the "Appraisal Principles and Procedures" in Ithaca, NY from July 14 -18, 2014 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,624.

By Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____

Discussion:

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____ Tabled _____

Follow up Action:

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Councilor Kelly offers the following resolution to augment existing snow removal and parking regulations and not replace them.

Resolved that the City Clerk of the City of Plattsburgh will create a list of volunteers who will shovel snow for property owners who are very ill, elderly, disabled or otherwise physically unable to maintain their own sidewalks following winter snow and ice events. In addition, the recipients of these services must demonstrate to a reasonable degree that they are financially

incapable if paying reasonable and customary fees for said services.

Further Resolved, that the City Clerk of the City of Plattsburgh will create a list of paid snow and ice removers for any property owner who wants to hire these services, with the understanding that it will be the property owners responsibility to pay the providers of said services at a fair price;

Further Resolved, that the City of Plattsburgh will create a webpage and brochure for snow and ice removal and snowstorm parking tips and will use any other means at its disposal to convey said information; including but not limited to utility bills and other widely distributed notices.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor _____; Seconded by Councilor _____
Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

MEETING ADJOURNED: _____